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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/27/1999

To: Chicago

Attn: SAC

From: Chicago

OC-2

Contact: SA [redacted] X-2882

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 281A-CG-NEW (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

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Synopsis: The purpose of this communication is to request review and approval to open a new Chicago Division Organized crime Program (OCP) investigation.

Details: The mission of the Chicago OCP is to eliminate the La Cosa Nostra (LCN) and other OC groups which pose a significant threat to the citizens of the Chicago area through sustained, coordinated, prioritized investigations which support the development of prosecutable RICO cases to include appropriate asset forfeiture and/or Civil RICO actions.

The mission of Squad OC-2 is to develop prosecutable RICO cases against [redacted] and [redacted] to include LCN members and their associates.

Case Strategic Investigative Plan

Brief Synopsis of Criminal Activity to be Investigated:

The State of Illinois recently passed legislation permitting a riverboat gambling casino in Cook County, Illinois. Source information has said [redacted]

[redacted]
Rosemont, Illinois. Source information has said [redacted]
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Anticipated Investigative Strategy:

Source information says [Redacted]

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Long Term Objectives:

It will be necessary to [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Short Term Objectives:

An emergency Title III will be necessary to [Redacted]

[Redacted]

National Investigative Priority: OC.

Applicable OC Subprogram: LCN.

Principal Subjects of Investigation: Same as in title.

Supervisor This case will be assigned to SA [Redacted]
[Redacted]

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 05/28/1999

To: Chicago

Attn:

ELSUR

From: SA

SQUAD OC-2

Contact:

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 281A-CG-110121 (Pending) -2

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Synopsis: To request Title III

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Details: The purpose of this EC is to request Title III Elsur checks for the principal interests listed below:

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To: Chicago From: SA [REDACTED]
Re: 281A-CG-110121, 05/28/1999

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Please provide results to SA [REDACTED] Squad
OC-2, (312) 786-2882.

To: Chicago From: SA [REDACTED]
Re: 281A-CG-110121, 05/28/1999

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After which, ELSUR is requested to relay the
results to FBI Chicago, SA [REDACTED] OC-2, (312) 786-
2882.

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Date: 5-28-97Facsimile Number: 312-344-3327Attn: ELSUR

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Room

Telephone

From: Chicago - OC-2

Name of Office

Subject: ELSUR checksSpecial Handling Instructions: Thanks for your help.Originator's Name: Telephone: ext 3733Originator's Facsimile Number: 786-2525

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Date: 06/01/1999

To: CHICAGO

Attn: SAC

From: CHICAGO

SQ. OC-2

Contact: SA [REDACTED] EXT. 2882

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 281A-CG-110121 (Pending)

Title: CHANGED

[REDACTED]

DONALD STEPHENS

[REDACTED]

Synopsis: Title change.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect. Title previously carried as [REDACTED]

Details: Title marked changed to correct the spelling of names above and the addition of one name.

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 06/02/1999

To: Chicago

Attn: [REDACTED]

OC-2

From: San Diego

ELSUR

Contact: EFA [REDACTED]

619-514-5945

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 281A-CG-110121' (Pending)
SD 66-96

Title: [REDACTED] et al

Synopsis: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of CG TITLE III.

Reference: SD-183-230

Details: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in regards to the above captioned case.

[REDACTED] A check of the San Diego Division Elsur Destruction Orders For Title III records and indices checks referenced to various subfiles and the main file revealed Principal records for

If you need any further assistance, please call.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/28/1999

To: Chicago

From: Chicago

OC-2

Contact: SA [REDACTED] X-2882

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 281A-CG-110121 (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

ET AL;
OC/DI - CHICAGO LCN FAMILY

Synopsis: Request for Title III.

Details: Above captioned case was opened on May 27, 1999 based upon recent source information regarding [REDACTED]

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The source information says [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] is the case agent, SA [REDACTED] will be Administrative case agent. SSA [REDACTED] has coordinated with [REDACTED] Chief of the Organized Crime Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois on May 27, 1999, who has concurred with the use of the ELSUR technique. Their communication seeks the concurrence and authority of SAC, Chicago for the Title III anticipated for [REDACTED]

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Date: 05/28/1999

To: Chicago

Attn: SAC
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From: Chicago

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Contact: SA [redacted] X-2882

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

✓ **Case ID #:** 281A-CG-110121 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

ET AL;
OC/DI - CHICAGO LCN FAMILY

Synopsis: Request for holiday pay.

Details: Captioned case was opened May 27, 1999 based upon
source information regarding [redacted]

Source information says [redacted]

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[redacted] As a result SAs [redacted]
have been assigned to write an emergency Title III affidavit and
will be working Memorial Day May 31, 1999, authority is therefor
requested for holiday pay for these agents.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/20/1999

To: Chicago

Attn: SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted] ✓

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From: Chicago

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Contact: IRS [redacted] X2890

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 281A-CG-110121 (Pending)
92A-CG-90408 (Pending)

Reference: 281A-CG-110121, Serial 21

Enclosures: Chicago Tribune article dated 4/20/1997, entitled, "Everything's Coming Up Rosemont" referencing Mayor Don Stephens and his family. Photo of William Joseph Messino.

Title: RIVERINO;
DONALD STEPHENS;
ET AL;
OC/DI - CHICAGO LCN FAMILY

Synopsis: The purpose of this EC is to provide background information on individuals associated with the Emerald Casino, the proposed riverboat casino in Rosemont, Illinois.

Details: A Chicago Tribune article dated 4/20/1997, entitled, "Everything's Coming Up Rosemont" referencing Mayor Don Stephens and his family was requested by SSA [redacted]. This article contains useful background information on Rosemont Mayor Donald Stephens. In addition, photos were requested of [redacted]

[redacted] A photo of William Joseph Messino is enclosed. SA [redacted] located photos of [redacted]. Photos of [redacted] were unavailable.

The Chicago LCN has used its influence and control of Donald Stephens, Mayor of Rosemont, Illinois, to obtain special arrangements in the anticipated Riverboat casino in Rosemont, Illinois. Intelligence suggests [redacted]

and [redacted]

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~~William Messino~~ all may have roles of some sort in the Rosemont Casino.

IRS [] reviewed FBI databases and files to include source information to obtain the following historical and background information.

CHICAGO LCN CONNECTIONS
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[]
[] a political fund raiser for Governor
[] has Chicago LCN connections. He is thought to be an underqualified political appointee.

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[] is employed as the manager of an Illinois Secretary of State facility. [] used his influence to clear tickets received by truck drivers for various violations. He also had applicants fraudulently passed. He would phone Secretary of State employee, [], and tell her he has a "guy" he would be sending her. This meant to pass the applicant.

Many Secretary of State employees received their jobs through []. Supervisors were expected to provide \$5,000 per year to [] campaign fund. Some of these funds came from selling tickets to golf outings or selling advertising for campaign books. Other campaign money came from customers who provided bribes for special services.

[] was a former employee of the Secretary of State. He now owns a used car dealership and is employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation. [] is also a 36-Ward Republican Committee Member.

In 1992, information from a source document []

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[] Chicago LCN associates are []

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the Crazy Horse Too Gentlemen's Club in Las Vegas. Although the Crazy Horse has had ties to organized crime since its inception, it appears that these ties are becoming more blatant. It is anticipated that the Crazy Horse may be expanding to other cities. Intelligence shows that [REDACTED] is planning a gentlemen's club in Rosemont, Illinois. Rosemont has recently passed an ordinance under which gentlemen's clubs can operate in that city.

Since 1985, [REDACTED] has been known as an LCN associate. During this period, he fronted for the Chicago LCN Family. In 1986, [REDACTED] was the co-owner of the Crazy Horse Saloon One, 4034 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV. In 1987, he started prostitution operations and owned La Fuente Lounge, 2100 Western Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. La Fuente Lounge was a place where guns and narcotics allegedly passed through. In 1988, [REDACTED] owned Plutos Club, 2466 Industrial Road, Las Vegas, NV, and the Carving Cart Restaurant, 2975 South Las Vegas Boulevard (El Morocco), Las Vegas, NV. In 1990, he owned the Pussycat Topless Club, 4416 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV, and the Crazy Horse Too Topless Saloon, 2476 Industrial Road, Las Vegas, NV. By 1991, he was a prospective buyer for the Aladdin Hotel and Casino, 2667 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV.

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[REDACTED] has relationships with several known Chicago LCN associates. [REDACTED] is a close friend of Chicago LCN associate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was convicted for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has business relationships with other Chicago LCN associates including [REDACTED]

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[redacted] are currently negotiating to purchase a hotel/casino in the Bahamas that will be used to skim funds and launder money.

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[redacted] is active in Las Vegas politics and is a large contributor to several candidates including Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones and City Council Member [redacted] and [redacted] are friends and have been observed together in a casino in East Chicago.

Note: [redacted] is licensed to carry a concealed weapon.

**Background Information on the Crazy Horse Too
Gentlemen's Club in Las Vegas and the
Various LCN Connections**

Intelligence indicates LCN influence at the Crazy Horse Too Gentlemen's Club from possibly four different "mob" families to include the Bonanno Family, New York Genovese Family, the New York Gambino Family, and the Chicago Family.

Source information indicates [redacted]

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Intelligence information indicates that when the Crazy Horse Too opened, a problem was resolved by a member of the Bonanno LCN family, possibly [redacted]. Information from 1996, shows [redacted] DOB [redacted] of the Crazy Horse Too Topless Saloon in Las Vegas. [redacted] is a capo and member of the Bonanno LCN Family. He runs large gambling operations, traffics in stolen art and stolen bonds, and operates a lucrative loansharking and gambling enterprise in Brooklyn and New York City. In 1992, [redacted] was designated to oversee reorganization of parking and protection "scams" in the Fulton Market, 140 Peck Slip, New York, NY. [redacted] who is [redacted] at the Crazy Horse Too.

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[redacted] Genovese LCN family associate [redacted] DOB [redacted] is employed as a door attendant at the Crazy Horse Too in Las Vegas. Before coming to Las Vegas, he was a president of [redacted] in New York. He had business associations with Hudson Berlin, Hicksville, New York, IRMF, 551 Acorn Street, Deer Park, New York, and Walsh Trucking, 815 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. These companies are known LCN connected businesses.

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Chicago LCN influence is also evident at the Crazy Horse Too due to the placement of [redacted] (Intelligence indicates that [redacted] is known to have contacts with the New York Gambino Family.)

[redacted] is currently an employee at the Crazy Horse Too. Before [redacted] moved to Las Vegas from Chicago, [redacted] DOB [redacted] was a front for the "mob" and a loanshark. [redacted] was formerly in law enforcement. He was inducted as a member of the Chicago LCN in 1975.

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Another person who works in Las Vegas that has a connection to Chicago is [redacted] is employed as a bartender at the Crazy Horse Too. [redacted] was associated with Chicago LCN member Tony Spilotro's "Hole in the Wall" gang. Intelligence also indicates that in 1995, [redacted] participated in loansharking in Las Vegas.

[redacted]
Source information stated that [redacted]
[redacted]

Chicago LCN associate [redacted] is a bookmaker and collector in [redacted] In 1997, [redacted] was allegedly [redacted] The restaurant was burned down because the owners needed money to pay taxes and gambling debts. [redacted] is also the suspected [redacted] The owners of Luciano's had a prostitution operation and did not pay street tax. When Luciano's decided to pay the street tax, two street crews wanted to collect from Luciano's. The Difronzo Crew allegedly retaliated when they were not chosen to receive the extortion money. Source information stated [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] is a close associate of [redacted] [redacted] is described as a top Chicago mob bookmaker. According to source information, [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] has been known to bring marijuana from Texas to Chicago. He is presently involved in selling cocaine and

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marijuana in [redacted] area. [redacted]
[redacted] has a boyfriend named [redacted] moved
from Chicago to Texas. He is engaged in marijuana sales. The
marijuana is driven from Texas for delivery. [redacted]
resells the marijuana in the Chicago area. [redacted] regularly
transports up to 30 to 40 pounds of marijuana per trip. [redacted]
has also been involved in a credit card scam with [redacted]
[redacted] DOB [redacted] is described as a robber and burglar. He
is a member of [redacted] In the 1970's to 1980's,
[redacted] was a member of the "Hole in the Wall" burglary ring

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[redacted] has been known to operate as an enforcer for
the Chicago LCN. He is described as having a muscular body
build. In the past, source information indicates that [redacted]
has allegedly participated in a homicide and burglaries.

[redacted] frequents the Elmwood Park Currency Exchange.
He is the registered agent of [redacted]
[redacted] has a business relationship to
Genna's Cocktail Lounge, Inc., 105 West Main Street, Madison,
Wisconsin. Since 1992, [redacted] has been affiliated to Laborers
AFL CIO, Local 1. In the 1980's [redacted] was also
influential in Local 1.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] for Mayor Don Stephens. [redacted] allegedly received
money from Chicago LCN leader [redacted] to pay off
legislators for passing the Bill to allow a land-based casino in
Rosemont.

[redacted]
and he was sworn into office in [redacted] His office is
at [redacted]

Mayor of Rosemont Donald Stephens is [redacted]
committeeman. Mayor of Stone Park [redacted] is [redacted]
supporter. Mayor of Melrose Park Augie Taddeo is a personal
friend of [redacted] knows [redacted] and his two sons,
[redacted] as they lived in the same neighborhood as
children. [redacted] family is the owner of construction
companies and has a long known affiliation to the Chicago LCN and
illegal activities.

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[REDACTED]

According to source information, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is known to frequent Pasta Vino Restaurant and Impressions in Schiller Park, Illinois. [REDACTED] owns [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He is the co-owner of [REDACTED]
The registered agent of [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] who is an attorney for the Village of Rosemont, Illinois, and an officer of the Rosemont Exposition Services, Rosemont, Illinois, and O'Hare Exposition Services, Rosemont, Illinois. [REDACTED] has a business relationship with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has many LCN associates including:

[REDACTED]

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WILLIAM JOSEPH MESSINO

William Messino allegedly will be receiving messages from Mayor Donald Stephens through [redacted] and relaying messages from the Chicago LCN to [redacted] in turn will be the contact for Stephens.

William Messino, a.k.a. Willie the Beast, DOB 1/7/16, is a Chicago LCN member in the John Difronzo Street Crew. Messino has participated in many criminal activities. He acted as an enforcer, kidnapper, robber, loanshark, driver, fence, bookmaker, and allegedly participated in a murder. According to file information, he is still active despite his age. He has the reputation of being a killer.

William Messino's associates include the following Chicago LCN members and associates: Joseph Aiuppa, [redacted]

[redacted] Donald Angelini, [redacted],
[redacted], Frank Colucci, [redacted]

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[redacted] Joseph Ferriola, [redacted] Joseph Gagliano,

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Joseph Spadavecchio, [redacted]
[redacted]

Messino's [redacted] who
is [redacted] for Messino. [redacted] regularly meets Messino
between [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] and is careless in his narcotics dealings.

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Name: William Joseph Messino
A.K.A.: Orlando Messino, Wee Willie,
Willie Messina, Willie the Beast,
DOB: 01/07/1916, 01/17/17, 04/01/1924
POB: Chicago, Illinois
Sex: Male
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Weight: 155
Height: 5'5"
Marital Status: Married, Wife -
Family Members: Mother -
Father -
Son -
Son -
Daughter -
Daughter-in-law -
Brother -
Nephew -
Nephew -
Nephew -
Nephew -
Nephew -
Relative -

Address:

SSAN: 345-160-031
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Vehicles: 1997 LEX, 4-D, E19113
1995 LEX, 4-D, E19113

Criminal Record: Arrests --

2/27/1935	-	Robbery Gun Auto Robbery
Joliet IL Pen	-	Paroled 3/29/53
04/25/1935	-	Robbery Armed
11/25/1940	-	Robbery Gun Larceny Auto Robbery
03/11/1958	-	Conspiracy and Extortion
12/31/1963	-	Aggravated Kidnaping
09/04/1964	-	Keeper of a Wire Room
08/23/1965	-	Kidnaping
01/20/1969	-	Inv. Motor Vehicle
02/27/1970	-	Aggravated Kidnaping Aggravated Battery

If additional records and/or photos are obtained, IRS will forward to case agent. Chicago will continue to gather intelligence on the criminal activities associated with these individuals.

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Chicago considers this lead covered.

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WILLIAM MESSINO



EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSEMONT

How Mayor Don Stephens took a small village into the big time

By Patrick T. Reardon • Tribune photos by Phil Greer

Outside the Rosemont Theatre, Donald E. Stephens—founder, mayor, creator of Rosemont—gets behind the wheel of his Mercedes and heads west through a seemingly endless parking lot. He's giving a tour of his village, and this is something he doesn't want his visitors to miss: a lone industrial building, surrounded by asphalt, at the very rear of the property.

This large area between River Road and the Tri-State Tollway was, until recently, covered by a grid of streets and long, one-story, six-unit buildings that housed ma-and-pa factories, warehouses and small offices.

In the early years of Rosemont, Stephens worked hard to attract such industrial development to the then-*virgin* town. But, four decades later, he is in the process of erasing such handiwork to make way for the latest of his mega-projects—mega-projects that have included the Rosemont Convention Center, the Rosemont Horizon, and, now, the theater and its parking lot.

As usual, Stephens invoked the village's municipal powers to condemn the land, buy it from the owners and then level it. And, as usual, there was someone who was slowing him down—in this case, Commercial Carpentry Corp., an Arlington Heights firm that had a six-year lease on a warehouse in one of the six-unit structures. Commercial Carpentry wanted top dollar to surrender its lease; Stephens didn't want to pay top dollar. So he came up with a typical—for him—solution.

He had two-thirds of the building chopped off, leaving Commercial Carpentry and one other tenant marooned in the vast expanse of parking. (All other tenants had

moved out.)

"I told them, 'Just cut it off here.' He couldn't believe we did that," Stephens says, enjoying the memory.

The other tenant quickly agreed to move, but Commercial Carpentry held out. For more than a year, the firm put up with such irritations as

political lord, controlling his town with an iron fist and wielding statewide influence through force of personality, vision and campaign funding. He's blunt, engaging, ruthless, single-minded, friendly, hard-working, and no slave to fashion. And he has ruled his town for 41 years, nearly twice as long as Daley

that O'Hare would have an impact on the metropolitan region, but no one could imagine just how far-reaching that impact would be. Daley, with the help of his tiny neighbor, Rosemont, fought off a suburban effort to snatch control of the airfield from Chicago. But, even though he won the battle, Daley lost the war.

Over the decades, O'Hare was the single most significant factor in the shift of power from Chicago to the suburbs. The airport acted like a huge economic magnet, drawing people, industry, offices, stores, businesses and wealth away from the city. Because of their proximity to the airport, the northwest suburbs and DuPage County not only experienced 40 years of explosive growth but now also operate as the power brokers of Illinois politics.

However, no one reaped the O'Hare harvest as cannily or as thoroughly as Don Stephens. Early on, he decided to take full advantage of the airport and the intricate network of highway connections in and around his 4.5-square-mile village. Rosemont wouldn't be a bedroom community; it would be a going concern, a commercial enterprise. It would turn a profit.

Today, little of the original Rosemont remains. Gone are the onion fields, the roadside amusements, the farm stands and the sleaze—all plowed under to make way for towering hotels and high-rise office buildings. Gone are the gas stations and the garbage dumps, replaced by the convention center, the Horizon and the theater—mammoth arenas that have transformed Rosemont into a key entertainment center for the Chicago metropolitan region and a major convention site for the nation.

While other suburban governments struggle to make ends meet, Rosemont is awash in money.

"Rosemont is unique," says state



From his office in the Rosemont Village Hall (above and left), Mayor Don Stephens wields an authority few have successfully challenged.

chains that blocked the parking lot entrances and snowplows that cleared the lot but left mountains of snow around the warehouse, before reaching a settlement and agreeing to leave this spring.

"He couldn't believe it," Stephens says, still chuckling, as he turns the Mercedes away and heads for another stop on the tour. "when we chopped the building off."

Donald Stephens is one of a kind. He has been compared to Mayor Richard J. Daley, Chicago's legendary "Boss" and the father of the city's present chief executive. And there are some parallels.

Stephens, like Daley, is a builder—a builder of big things. He's a

was in office.

But Daley held sway over a city of 3 million people. Stephens' empire has fewer than 4,000 residents.

When Daley took over Chicago in 1955, he was heading up one of the greatest metropolises in the world. A year later, when Stephens was elected village president of the newly incorporated Rosemont, he was taking on a tiny flood-plagued corner of Cook County, an area of truck farms, roadside restaurants, garbage dumps, brothels and a single subdivision.

In the intervening decades, however, Chicago has struggled while Rosemont has boomed. And it has been O'Hare International Airport that has made the difference.

In the mid-1950s, everyone knew

Sen. Martin Butler (R. Park Ridge) who has known and dealt with Stephens for nearly 30 years. "Don has been tremendously effective in creating Rosemont in his own image. He literally started with almost a blank piece of property. He didn't have to concern himself with residents' attitudes or views."

If Chicago's north, northwestern and western suburbs have their own downtown, it's Rosemont.

It even has morning and evening rush hours. And, if the personal rapid transit system (small automated vehicles on an elevated guideway) approved by the Regional Transportation Authority for Rosemont, is built by the year 2000, as Stephens hopes, the village will have its own Loop—a 2.2-mile-long line circling the convention center and the major hotels along River Road.

Nearly 24,000 people work in Rosemont, six times the population. In any given week, the village—which is situated at the northeast corner of O'Hare, astride the airport's only highway entrance—plays host to an average of more than 64,000 conventioners, concert-goers, sports fans and other visitors. In the course of a year, an estimated 3.4 million people attend events in Rosemont.

Rosemont is where Jay Leno set up shop last year when he came "to Chicago" for a week. Frank Sinatra has performed in Rosemont, and Bruce Springsteen. Fleetwood Mac was the opening act at the Horizon; Barry Manilow at the Rosemont Theatre. Major League Baseball owners have held their annual meetings in Rosemont; so, too, the National Football League. George Bush made two stops in Rosemont—little Rosemont—during his 1992 presidential race, and Ross Perot held an anti-NAFTA rally there in 1993.

Rosemont is on the nation's map, even the world's, in a way that no Chicago suburb can match. And other suburban mayors and officials look at Rosemont with a mix of envy and abhorrence.

The village's massive tax revenues from commercial property—Rosemont has an annual budget of more than \$83 million—means political peace. It's easy for Stephens to keep the few thousand residents happy by providing a high level of deluxe services, such as annual home improvement grants, actually back-door property tax rebates, of hundreds of dollars.

But, with all its commercial development, Rosemont is like, well, downtown Chicago.

"When I was mayor of Park Ridge," Martin Butler says, "we wanted to have a residential commu-



At home with his wife, Katherine—in Rosemont, where else?



At a pre-village board meeting: Wheeling and dealing in the shadow of O'Hare.



In the Hummel museum: Souvenirs from an educational trip to Europe with his son seeded a collection of global proportions.

nity, so we resisted the very things Don would push hard for."

"We work together. We're a family. This is like the family business."

Speaking is Don Stephens II, the son of the Rosemont mayor and the village's public safety director. He has a backache. Every few months or so,

his back will tighten up on him, and this is one of those times.

But it's not just his back that's making him uncomfortable as he sits behind his desk in the marble-walled and dark wood-paneled Rosemont village hall. It's the questions he's being asked about the future—about his future and the village's future once his father is gone.

"He ain't gonna retire," says Stephens II. "This is like his hobby. We've got the antique cars, the antique boats, but he always comes back to Rosemont."

That's the way it has been from as early as the 44-year-old Stephens, known around town as Donnie, can remember. "In my younger years, all he concentrated on was on making this town what it is today. When he was home, he was probably the best father you could ask for. But he wasn't around a lot. He had Rosemont on his mind constantly."

Growing up, the mayor's namesake son had no desire to follow in his father's footsteps. His goal was to become a policeman, and, in May, 1974, he joined the Rosemont police department. (His own son, Donald Stephens III, is now a radio dispatcher for the village.) Two years later, Stephens II lost the use of his left arm following a motorcycle accident, but remained on the force, serving in a number of jobs, including head of the important auxiliary police responsible for directing traffic for the frequent concerts and other special events in the village.

Then, in 1985, his father asked him to serve as deputy mayor, and it was clear he was being groomed as the mayor's eventual successor. (The elder Stephens, like many suburban village presidents, is called mayor.) But it was an awkward fit. Unlike his father, Don Stephens II is a shy man of modest tastes and interests.

"I felt when I took over as deputy mayor," he says, "that people were expecting me to live up to what he's done, and there's no way in hell—I mean, he's one of a kind."

After a difficult 10 years, Stephens was able to convince his father to let him shift over to run the village's combined police and fire operations as public safety director.

No one has replaced him as deputy mayor, but, as he has receded from the limelight, his two younger brothers, Mark and Bradley, have become more involved in "the family business."

Bradley has been a village board member since 1989, and is the supervisor for Leyden Township, where his father is the Republican committeeman. Mark, an attorney, has been chairman of the Triton College board since 1992, and his BoMark Cleaners has the contract, worth about \$2 million a year, to clean the Rosemont Convention Center.

Their father, who was called "the boy mayor" when he first took office, turned 69 in March, and the question of a successor remains open.

"I know he's the boss," the younger Donald Stephens says. "He's done it:

all. I don't think I'm worthy of [being mayor]. I don't think my two brothers are worthy of it."

Mayor Donald E. Stephens tells this story:

It was the mid-1960s, and he was being investigated yet again, this time by Charles Siragusa, executive director of the Illinois Crime Commission. After shipping a batch of records to the commission's Loop office, Stephens went there himself for a lengthy interview with the former federal lawyer, carefully recorded by a court reporter.

When it was over, the two men found themselves standing side by side in the men's room.

"Mayor Stephens," Siragusa said, with a mix of amazement and consternation, "you make more money than I do."

"Mr. Siragusa," Stephens replied, "is that a crime?"

Stephens is a former high school and semi-pro football lineman, and he retains a lineman's hard-nosed, straight-ahead, ramrod sense of self. There's no room for embarrassment at the scrimmage line. You're sure of yourself and where you want to go and what you need to do to get there—or you're knocked on your butt.

Stephens is a burly man with wide shoulders and an oversize chest. Through the years, he has had his share of medical problems: two heart attacks, a thyroid condition, bouts of depression. He walks with a slight bend in his upper body, but there's no aura of fragility about him.

His eyes, alert, active, are like headlights—with the brights on. He exudes a vitality and zest for life rare for anyone of any age. And he makes no apologies.

Many of the niceties that everyone else lives by, he ignores. Concerns about what others might think rarely enter into his calculations.

Consider political correctness. During a village board meeting, he refers to village clerk Rosalie Lennstrom as "Sweetie." And, looking down a long list of new auxiliary police officers, he says, in reference to several Hispanic names, "We've got some south-of-the-borders on here. Good."

Or consider Sam "Momo" Giancana.

Showing off his home, Stephens makes a point to pull out from one of his bookshelves "The Don," William Brashler's out-of-print biography of the crime syndicate chieftain who was murdered in the basement of his Oak Park home in 1975.

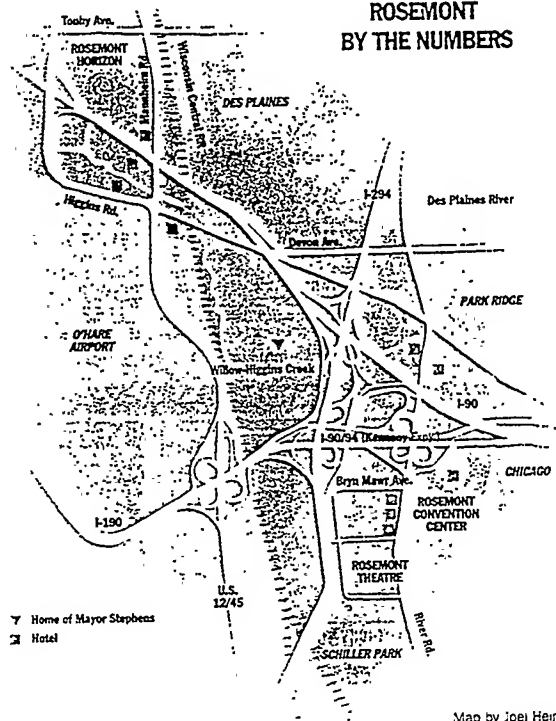
"I read it," Stephens says. "to find out about the guy—because I'd met the guy."

Well, actually, Don Stephens did

more than meet Giancana. Early in his career, he engaged in a business deal with the mob boss that has tainted his reputation ever since. It sparked dozens of investigations by government agencies, prosecutors and the news media over more than a quarter century, so many that Stephens once described himself as "probably the most investigated S.O.B. in the world."

It also resulted in two federal trials for political corruption—trials that

ROSEMONT BY THE NUMBERS



Map by Joel Heinz

Size of village: 4.5 square miles

Residential population: 3,995

Number of workers: 23,627

Number of village employees: 185 full-time, 1,300 part-time

Average weekly visitors: 64,557

Yearly visitors: 3.4 million

Total number of hotel rooms: 4,760, with another 1,600 planned.

Size of Rosemont Convention Center: 600,000 square feet, making it the 16th largest convention hall in the U.S.

Number of major U.S. trade shows held at the Rosemont Convention Center in 1995: six, making

Rosemont the ninth most popular site, tied with Los Angeles and Louisville, and ahead of Orlando and Washington, D.C.

Equalized assessed valuation of real estate in Rosemont in 1995: \$222.6 million, or \$55,726 per resident. By contrast, the equalized assessed valuation per resident was \$10,196 for Chicago; \$24,608 for nearby Des Plaines; and \$32,056 for Schaumburg, the dominant northwest suburban municipality.

Annual budget of the village government: \$93 million.

1995 retail sales: \$189.4 million.

—Patrick T. Reardon

the mortgage himself.

Two weeks later, when word of the sale leaked out, the headline in the Tribune was: "Politician Buys Hoodlum Motel."

Sitting in his richly appointed village office, with its lush carpet featuring a giant version of the ubiquitous Rosemont rose, Stephens says that the owners of another Rosemont motel had initially sought to buy the Thunderbolt. But they backed off when they realized who owned it, afraid of damaging their reputations.

Didn't Stephens have those fears?

"Why? We did nothing wrong."

It wasn't the first time Stephens had been the subject of bad publicity. Two years earlier, Chicago's American had disclosed that his home and as many as 25 others in the village had been assessed as if they were vacant land, resulting in annual property tax bills of less than \$30 each. (The problem, Stephens says today, was that the assessor's office misplaced building permits submitted by the village.)

There had been an IRS investigation then that went nowhere. But it was nothing compared with the myriad probes that followed Stephens' purchase of the Thunderbolt, which he and Greco renamed the Caravelle Motor Inn.

Not all of the investigations, however, were on the up and up.

"Raid Motel Hood Sold to Village Head" was the headline in the Tribune of Jan. 7, 1964. The night before, Richard Cain, the chief investigator of the Cook County Sheriff's police, had barged into a room in the Caravelle and found 45 cartons of drugs that had been stolen three months earlier from a drug company warehouse in Melrose Park. Included with the article was a photograph of a submachine-gun-toting Cain carefully opening a motel door.

What the caption didn't say was that it was a door to a closet. But that wasn't the only thing phony about the raid. In fact, it was all a fake, an effort by Cain, whose close connections to the crime syndicate were not yet known, to protect the thieves who had stolen the drugs in the first place—and, perhaps, to make Stephens look bad. Less than a year later, he and two associates were convicted of perjury for lying about the incident.

Meanwhile, other, more legitimate investigations of Stephens followed one after the other.

• In January 1967, a state and federal probe was launched into a \$3 million housing and shopping center development in the village, managed by Giancana's half-brother Charles. Stephens had purchased two of the development's 37 Georgian-style, two-story apartment buildings, and his brother and business associate, Ralph Stephens, had written the liability

Stephens won resoundingly but that left him shaken and sobbing.

The Giancana deal involved his 53-unit Thunderbolt Motel at 5400 River Road in the village. On Jan. 31, 1963, the mobster sold the business to Stephens and Patrick Greco, a local contractor, for \$520,000 (about \$2.6 million in today's dollars). Stephens and Greco paid \$150,000 up front, and when they were unable to obtain a mortgage because of Giancana's notoriety, the syndicate lord agreed to hold

insurance for the development. No charges were filed.

• A month later, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission accused Stephens of giving preferential treatment to his Caravelle and to Charles Giancana's liquor store. Stephens was ordered to issue liquor licenses to two taverns that he had ordered closed.

• In August 1972, a Cook County grand jury began hearing testimony regarding charges by the Better Government Association and the news media that Stephens had sought to bribe maverick village board members. No charges were filed.

• In May 1977, a newspaper investigation disclosed that Stephens had spent \$2.5 million in construction contracts for the convention center, then known as the O'Hare Expo Center, without seeking written bids. Stephens responded that the procedure used was "sloppy but not illegal." No charges were filed.

Then, in March 1983, Stephens' luck ran out. He was indicted by a federal grand jury for allegedly lying on his income tax returns. And, seven months later, he was indicted again, this time for allegedly accepting kickbacks of more than \$87,000.

After nearly three decades of seemingly skirting the edge of propriety, if not legality, while building his village into a suburban powerhouse, Stephens appeared to be on the verge of a Shakespearean downfall.

For Stephens, the experience was an exquisitely painful purgatory.

He was used to having his way, to being the final word. (He argues today that he never was as cozy with the mob as news stories of the 1960s implied because: "Look at me. I could never have anybody telling me what to do.") Yet, now he found himself just another name on the docket.

"There is no way," he says, "you can describe the feeling. You go into a courtroom, and, in your heart of hearts, you really believe you're not a bad guy. You don't beat old ladies. You don't spit on young boys. And some guy stands up there and says all these rotten things about you. It's the United States

*'When I
was young,
I wanted to earn
money
and be
independent.'*

government versus you."

On Feb. 29, 1984, the verdict in the first trial was returned: Not guilty.

On Feb. 28, 1985, the verdict in the second trial was the same: Not guilty.

After each verdict, Stephens wept.

And, in the end, there was an added touch of vindication that Stephens could take away from court—an unusual comment by U.S. District Judge George Leighton, who presided at the second trial. Speaking outside the presence of the jury a few days before the verdict was returned, Leighton said of Stephens and his two co-defendants:

"I have admiration for people like this. They are the people who make this country go. These are the people who see a vacant piece of land [and can envision a 40-story building on it]. All I see is mud."

Don Stephens' eyes are even brighter than usual as he walks amid the shelves and shelves of ceramic Hummel figurines in the Donald E. Stephens Museum of Hummels in the Rosemont Convention Center—another must-see stop on his tour of the village. (Elsewhere in the building is the Donald E. Stephens Ballroom, and over in Rosemont's main residential area is the Donald E. Stephens Park.)

He points to the figurine of a small boy on a sled and says, "I just think he's adorable. The one I like the most is 'Letter to Santa.' I just can't find it right now." He stops in front of a figurine of a boy and girl standing next to a cradle in which a baby sleeps. "It's called 'The Blessed Event,'" the mayor says.

His interest in the Hummels dates back to the summer of 1969.

"My son, Donnie flunked

world history, so I took him to London, Paris, Berlin—I'd never been to Europe either—Rome, Athens."

In Berlin, where a bored 16-year-old Donnie finally found a restaurant that served cheeseburgers, his father came upon Hummels for the first time and bought six.

From then on, he was hooked. Every trip he made to Germany and nearby countries—he is a frequent traveler—Stephens would rent a car and haunt small towns looking for unusual Hummel figurines.

A thousand of Stephens' Hummels—some cost as much as \$15,000—are displayed in the museum, which opened in 1987. Now he and his sons collect antique cars (more than 30 so far) and antique boats (10 or so).

"Years ago," he says, "I collected coins. And I used to collect big bills. If the bank had a \$500 bill, I'd buy it. If the bank had a \$1,000 bill, I'd buy it."

Rosemont's mayor talks diets with Gov. Jim Edgar. He trades notes about model trains with Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan. Former Gov. Jim Thompson is a friend. So was the late Thomas Keane, the powerful Chicago City Council floor leader for the first Mayor Daley.

Men like Don Stephens. Women do, too. (He's been married five times.)

"He's an easy guy to talk to and be with," says Martin Butler of neighboring Park Ridge. But that's only part of the reason that Stephens is one of the most powerful figures in Illinois politics.

Stephens grew up in the Austin neighborhood on Chicago's Far West Side, and, when he was 11, his father, a factory owner, died. It was then that he, his mother and his two brothers moved to live with an uncle in the place that would become Rosemont.

"When I was young, I wanted to earn money and be independent," says Stephens. "I really wanted to be comfortable. I wanted to have a new car and that kind of thing."

Today Stephens, who without benefit of a college degree

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has sold insurance, owned car washes, built homes, run the Caravelle, developed land and held stock in other hotels—almost all of this in the village—is a millionaire, and more.

"I've done well in the private sector," says Stephens, whose annual salary as mayor is \$50,000. "I don't think I'm dumb. If I could do what I've done for the village of Rosemont—and I think I did well—obviously I did the same for myself."

Like many powerful small-town politicians, Stephens can do little for Rosemont that doesn't benefit his own interests. And those interests are often linked with the interests of other people doing business in and with the village.

What's good for Rosemont is good for Stephens—and for his political clout.

The name of the game in today's politics is fundraising; Stephens is a master. Last year, the four political funds he controls took in more than \$800,000 in contributions, and he was generous in doling out campaign money across party lines around the state.

For example, on the Republican side, Edgar got \$4,500, and former Illinois House Speaker Lee Daniels, \$2,500. Among Democrats, Chicago Ald. Ed Burke (14th), chairman of the City Council's finance committee, received \$1,500, while State Rep. Ralph Capparelli, who represents the Far Northwest Side and is Stephens' friend, got \$16,500.

And it doesn't stop there. All Stephens needs to do is put in a good word for a political candidate with the major firms doing business in or with Rosemont and suddenly the money starts rolling in.

And, finally—but far from least in the equation of Illinois politics—there is his army of political workers covering the entire northern half of western Cook County.

"There are very few good political organizations left in the state, and Don Stephens has one of the strongest," says George Ryan. "He has the sort of political organization that those of us who run for public office like to tap into."

No wonder politicians like Don Stephens. Really like him.

Edward "Red" Heuer, who operated Heuer's Restaurant on River Road until the village landmark was razed by Stephens in 1985 for an expansion of the convention center, says this about the mayor:

"He's done a lot for Rosemont, but he's a son-of-a-bitch."

Heuer's brother-in-law and former partner, George Eggert, pages sadly through a family album of the restaurant's final days, including shots of its demolition. He's bitter about losing the restaurant, but he says: "Whether you like the man or whether you don't, [Stephens] did a hell of a job. The people of Rosemont, for the most part, think the world of him—and rightly so. They've got to be the happiest people in the world. They've got their own Camelot."

Richard F. Dienethal, who has lived in Rosemont for nearly 30 years, ran against Stephens for mayor in 1985.

"The guy is a terrific business manager," Dienethal says. "[But] the old man just has too much power." The voters didn't agree, re-electing Stephens by a 4-to-1 margin. That was 12 years ago. No one has challenged Stephens since.

Don Stephens has more he wants to accomplish for Rosemont, such as winning state approval for a casino. But, as he heads east on Devon Avenue toward the village hall to bring his tour to an end, he is asked about the future—about the post-Don Stephens era.

"Rosemont's going to be a pretty stable community when I'm gone. You're not going to be able to write Rosemont off. It's here to stay."

Then, thinking about the early days when he and other residents went hat-in-hand to nearby towns—to Des Plaines, to Park Ridge, to Schiller Park—seeking annexation and were rejected, he says: "The worst problem many of these public officials have is: They just don't have imagination."

And Don Stephens has one last thing to say: "If I was the mayor of Des Plaines when Rosemont incorporated in 1956, it would never have happened."

"I would have taken it." ■



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Title: PALUMBO BROTHERS, INC. (FBI);
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Synopsis: To provide information recently obtained regarding subjects and associates in the captioned case.

Details: On December 13, 1999, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] advised that DONALD STEPHENS, Mayor of Rosemont, was on the Visitor's List of [REDACTED] at the Federal Correctional Institution in [REDACTED]. Furthermore, SA [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was visited by STEPHENS on October 2, 1999 from 12:04 P.M to 2:51 P.M.

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An examination was conducted of four separate civil condemnation suits filed by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT against the respective property owners. These records were located on the eighth floor of the DALEY CENTER, Chicago, Illinois. The four individual law-suits were 88L51317, 88L51360, 89L50813, and 89L51430. Listed below is the information contained in the respective files:

Case 88L51317, was titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus CHICAGO TITLE & TRUST COMPANY. This case involved land trust number [redacted]. The sole owner of the land trust being identified as [redacted]. Judgement was held in favor of the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT, condemning the property and transferring fee simple title from [redacted] to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT. [redacted] received \$650,000.00 for the value of the property. \$175,000.00 of this money was deposited with the Treasurer of Cook County for real estate taxes for 1988. \$130,683.67 was withheld for liens. The holder of record being a company named VIOLETS AND OLD THINGS, INC.

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The attorney for the defendant, [redacted] was listed as SUMMERFIELD & WASKO, 1580 Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois, listing their telephone number as (312)692-3020. The complaint on this case was filed on October 25, 1988, and judgement was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT, on December 20, 1988, for property identified with tax code number: 12-09-200-039-0000, with the common known address as 9701 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont, Illinois 60018. The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT listed the need for the condemnation in their complaint that the property was needed for the Third Amended Rosemont River Road Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan-Redevelopment Project of the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT.

Service of Process was made on various individuals listed as owners of the property; they being [redacted] and FRACAR SHEET METAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INCORPORATED, and VIOLETS AND OLD THINGS, INC., in care of [redacted] and also process for [redacted] at the same address.

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Examination was made of 88L51360, titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus [REDACTED]. The complaint in this case was filed on November 9, 1988. The complaint stated the property was needed by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for the Third Amended Rosemont River Road Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan-Redevelopment Project of the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT. The property identified had tax identification number: 12-09-200-049-000. The owners of the property were listed as [REDACTED] as joint tenants. The mortgagee was listed as the CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY OF PARK RIDGE. Also served as having an interest in the property was [REDACTED] under CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, Illinois, case number: 87D14468, and ACCURATE CORING COMPANY, INC.

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Judgement was obtained by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT on October 27, 1989, under 88L51360, with the judgement being stamped with another case number: 89L251104. The fee simple of the property was transferred to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for the value of \$440,000.00. The attorney for the defendant, [REDACTED] was listed as BROWN & SHINITZKY CHARTERED, 100 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, with a telephone listed as (312) 782-9111. [REDACTED] were served at [REDACTED] as was ACCURATE CORING COMPANY, INC. [REDACTED] was served at [REDACTED]

File 89L50813, titled the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus PAMCO PRINTED TAPE & LABEL COMPANY, INC., was filed on July 6, 1989. The stated reason for the condemnation by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT of this property was for the Fourth Amended Rosemont River Road Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan-Redevelopment Project of the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT. This property was identified by tax code number: 12-09-215-011, and was listed as parcel number two. A parcel number one was identified only by a legal description and document number: 18712534 in Cook County.

The alleged owners, or those believed to have interest in the property were listed as PAMCO PRINTED TAPE & LABEL COMPANY, INC.; MALCO, INC., with an unrecorded lease; MOLART REALTY CORPORATION, with an unrecorded lease; BANK OF RAVENSWOOD as Trustee of land trust number: 27022645; and [REDACTED]

Judgement was rendered in favor of the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for condemnation on March 8, 1991, with compensation for the owners in the value of \$526,000.00.

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The attorney for the property owners was listed as [REDACTED] with the firm of LEVENFELD, EISENBERG, JANGER, & GLASSBERG, 33 West Monroe, 21st Floor, Chicago, Illinois, telephone (312) 346-8380.

The owners of record for which service of process was obtained are as follows: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PAMCO PRINTED TAPE & LABEL COMPANY, INC.,
c/o PRENTICE HALL CORPORATION SYSTEM, INC., 229 South State Street,
Dover, Delaware; MALCO, INC., c/o [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and PAMCO and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Also examined were the documents for file 89L51430, the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, for a complaint filed November 28, 1989, to condemn property identified with tax identification number: 12-09-215-017-0000. This piece of property consisted of three parcels, two of which were listed by legal description and a third by the commonly known as address as 5405 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois. The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT stated in its complaint the need for the property was for the Fourth Amended Rosemont River Road Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan-Redevelopment Project of the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT.

An agreed judgement order was dated March 8, 1991, transferring fee simple title to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT with compensation being given to the owners of record for \$875,000.00. The attorneys for the defendant were listed as [REDACTED] & ASSOCIATES, 111 West Washington Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 641-7144.

The owners of the property, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, were listed as sub-trustee under agreement dated December 20, 1977, with the CLEVELAND TRUST COMPANY as Trustee under Pension Plan Agreement of the AMERICAN OPTICAL CORPORATION, dated July 1, 1977, as amended by the WARNER-LAMBERT RETIREMENT PLAN AGREEMENT and the Assumption and Modification of Agreement sub-trust, dated February 1, 1989. The party served was AMERICAN OPTICAL CORPORATION, c/o CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Date of transcription 06/28/2001

An examination was conducted of separate civil condemnation suits filed by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT against the respective property owners. These records were located on the eighth floor of the DALEY CENTER, Chicago, Illinois. The individual lawsuits were file numbers: 95L-50828, 98L-050745, 97L-050440, 99L-050598, and 99L-50599. Listed below is the information contained in the respective files:

Case Number 95L-50828 was filed September 21, 1995, was titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus LA SALLE NATIONAL TRUST. This case involved LA SALLE NATIONAL TRUST under trust agreement dated December 9, 1965, trust number: 32067. The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT was condemning the property to facilitate the Fifth Amended River Road Re-Development Plan and Project, as adopted by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for municipal purposes. A final order of judgement transferring the fee simple title was entered on February 11, 1997. The owners of the property receiving \$1,080,000.00. The common address for the property was 5505 through 15 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois. The property tax index number for this property was 12-09-215-020. The actual owners of the property were [redacted] who initiated the irrevocable trust on August 4, 1980. This trust was also operated through PODOLSKY & ASSOCIATES LTD., One Westbrook Corporate Center, Suite 400, Westchester, Illinois 60154, telephone number: (708)531-8200. The owners of the property were represented by [redacted] telephone number: [redacted] Other beneficial owners of the trust and/or lessees of the property at the time of the condemnation proceedings were REP ASSOCIATES, an Illinois Limited Partnership, PODFAM ASSOCIATES, an Illinois General Partnership, DELTA AIR COURIER, INC., whose address is C.T. CORPORATION, 208 South La Salle, Chicago, Illinois 60604, AVMCO, SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA, B.B. COHEN & COMPANY, AMERICAN TOXICOLOGY INSTITUTE, INC., HELLER FINANCIAL, c/o [redacted] [redacted] Registered Agent, [redacted] and UNITED ELECTRONICS, 5515 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois.

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Case Number 98L-050745 was titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus LA SALLE NATIONAL BANK TRUSTEE, under trust number: 50696, and MONTGOMERY WARD. This case was filed on September 3, 1998, by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for municipal purposes for the Fifth

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Amended River Road Re-Development Plan and Project. The common address for this property was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and was identified by tax index number: 12-09-200-050.

The address for LA SALLE NATIONAL BANK Land Trust Department was 135 South La Salle, Suite 1840, Chicago, Illinois 60603, and the address for MONTGOMERY WARD & COMPANY was for Registered Agent

[REDACTED] and 1 Montgomery Ward Plaza, 3-N, Chicago, Illinois 60677. The owner of the trust was PODOLSKY & ASSOCIATES, and REP ASSOCIATES. They were represented by Attorneys JENNER & BLOCK, and were replaced by BARNES & THORNBURG, 10 South La Salle Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, Illinois 60603, telephone number: (312)357-1313. An agreed judgement order was entered on August 24, 1999, transferring fee simple title to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for \$939,300.00.

Case Number 97L-050440, was titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus NATIONAL ADVERTISING COMPANY, and was filed on April 22, 1997. The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT filed to condemn this property for municipal purposes for the Fifth Amended River Road Re-Development Plan and Project. NATIONAL ADVERTISING COMPANY lists an address of 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Information in the file revealed that the successor company to NATIONAL ADVERTISING COMPANY was OUTDOOR SYSTEMS. The Attorneys of record are [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone number: [REDACTED] and HUSCH & EPPENBERGER, 100 North Broadway, Suite 1300, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, telephone number: (314)421-4800, and QUERREY & HARROW, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 3500, Chicago, Illinois 60601, telephone number: (312)540-7000. An agreed judgement was entered on February 18, 1998, transferring fee simple title to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for \$450,000.00.

Case Number 99L-050598, was titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Trustee under trust dated December 31, 1963, trust number: 19839, was filed on June 15, 1999. The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT condemned the property pursuant to the Fifth Amended River Road Re-Development Plan and Project. The common address for this property was 5490 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois, and was listed as tax number: 12-09-200-047. The owner of the property was listed as SAFECO CORPORATION, Registered Agent

[REDACTED] Taxes for this property were assessed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] His name was also spelled [REDACTED] Attorneys for the owners were listed as [REDACTED] One IBM Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60611, telephone number: (312)923-2934. A

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judgement order was entered on July 23, 1999, transferring title to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for \$1,650,000.00.

Case Number 99L-50599, was titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus COLE TAYLOR BANK, was filed on June 15, 1999. The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT filed the complaint to condemn the property under the Fifth Amended River Road Re-Development Plan and Project. The file reflected the landlord for the property as HARRIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, under trust number: 31244, trust agreement dated September 9, 1963. The lessee of the property was MID-STATES RECYCLING, INC. The lessor of the property was PODOLSKY & ASSOCIATES, LTD., 9655 West Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, Illinois 60018. The common address for this property was 5561 through 65, Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois. The tax pin number was 12-09-215-012. The registered agent for MID-STATES RECYCLING, INC. was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] An agreed judgement order was entered for parcel B on October 29, 1999, transferring the property to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for \$952,600.00.

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An examination was conducted of three separate civil condemnation suits filed by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT against property owners in Rosemont, Illinois. These records were located on the eighth floor of the DALEY CENTER, Chicago, Illinois. The three individual lawsuits are: 99-L-050403, 97-L-050435 and 99-L-050600.

Case 99-L-050403 is titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus LASALLE NATIONAL BANK. The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT sought to condemn the property for municipal purposes for the Fifth Amended River Road Redevelopment Plan and Project. The common address of this property is 5450 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois. The case involved land trust number 50697. The owners of the property were listed as LASALLE NATIONAL BANK, N.A., as Trustee under Trust number 50697, PODOLSKY AND ASSOCIATES, and REP ASSOCIATES. On July 27, 1999, judgement was held in favor of the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT and transferred fee simple title from the owners to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT. Compensation was awarded to the owners in the amount of \$1,550,000.

The attorney for the defendants was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] One IBM Plaza, Chicago, Illinois, telephone 312-923-2658.

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No information regarding the addresses of the defendants was present in the court file.

The tax identification number for the property was listed as 12-09-200-048-0000.

Examination was also made of case 97-L-050435, VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus LASALLE NATIONAL TRUST, N.A., as successor trustee to LASALLE NATIONAL BANK, as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated April 28, 1976, Trust No. 50751; SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA (U.S.); REP ASSOCIATES; ZENITH PARENTERALS, INC. and unknown others. The complaint stated the property was needed by the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT for the FIFTH AMENDED RIVER ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT. The common address for this property was 5423-33 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois.

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An order vesting the plaintiff with fee simple title was made on March 3, 1998. Compensation was set at \$1,000,000. An order was entered with the court that compensation should be paid to REP ASSOCIATES, an Illinois limited partnership, pursuant to the agreement of the defendants.

A disclosure of ownership was filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court on April 4, 1998. The land trust listed LASALLE NATIONAL TRUST as successor trustee to LASALLE NATIONAL BANK, under trust agreement dated April 28, 1976 a/k/a Trust No. 50751. Beneficiaries listed REP ASSOCIATES, an Illinois limited partnership. General and Limited partners were listed as PODFAM ASSOCIATES, an Illinois limited partnership, [redacted] and [redacted]

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The attorney for the defendants was [redacted] LTD., 30 N. LaSalle, Suite 3400, Chicago, Illinois 60602, telephone 312-553-1479.

Service was made to the defendants at the following addresses:

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The defendant SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY and unknown owners were served by publication. The certificate of publication was filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court on May 8, 1997. A motion to dismiss was filed by defendant ZENITH PARENTERALS, INC. on the basis they were a former tenant and had vacated the subject property. This motion was granted.

A letter, dated February 12, 1998 was written by the Senior Vice President of LaSalle Bank as Trustee and was included in the court documents. It was addressed to the Village of Rosemont and the Cook County Treasurer's office. The letter stated that all proceeds from the condemnation of property at 5423-33 Milton Parkway, Rosemont,, Illinois , should be paid to REP ASSOCIATES, c/o PODOLSKY NORTHSTAR REALTY PARTNER LLC, Att: [redacted]

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D. PODOLSKY, One Westbrook Corporate Center, Suite 400, Westchester, Illinois 60154. The letter continued that the proceeds paid to REP ASSOCIATES will be transmitted per separate agreement between REP ASSOCIATES and SUN LIFE. A similar letter stating the same was prepared by SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA (U.S.), [REDACTED] Property Investments Officer.

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Judgement was granted on March 6, 1998 for the plaintiff and compensation of \$1,000,000 was ordered to the defendants. On March 27, 1998, the court entered an order vesting fee simple title to the VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT.

The tax identification number for this property was 12-09-215-016.

A third file, 99-L-050600, titled VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT versus LASALLE NATIONAL TRUST was examined.

Defendant's attorney was listed as BARNES & THORNBURG, 10 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, Illinois 60603, 312-357-1313.

No tax identification number was noted in the court documents.

The VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT stated in a complaint filed June 15, 1999, that it wished to condemn the property for municipal purposes for the FIFTH AMENDED RIVER ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT.

Three different trust numbers were provided: 5465 Milton Parkway, Trust number 50698, was referred to in court documents as Parcel A; 5535 Milton Parkway, trust number 34145, was referred to as parcel B; vacant land, trust 50696, was referred to as parcel C.

Judgement was entered on August 24, 1999 for plaintiff and awarded the following compensation: 5465 Milton Parkway (parcel A), \$750,000; 5535 Milton Parkway (parcel B), \$750,000; vacant land adjacent to 5535 Milton Parkway, \$56,750; and, vacant land adjacent to 5551-55 Milton Parkway (parcel C) 35,950. Judgement was entered for the plaintiff in October 1999.

Judge John A. Ward presided over the matter in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. BARNES & THORNBURG were

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listed as attorney for the defendant; JENNER & BLOCK were initially listed but withdrew.



79 WEST MONROE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603
312-372-0101

FAX COVER SHEET

CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

TO: _____

COMPANY: FBI

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FROM: CHIEF INVESTIGATOR _____

ORGANIZATION: CHICAGO CRIME COMMISSION

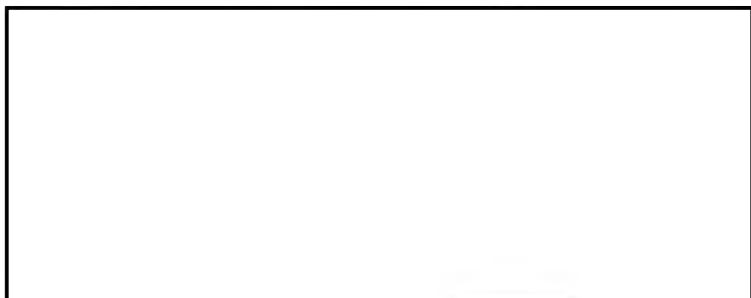
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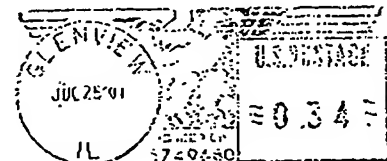


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Chicago Crime Commission
79 West Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

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July 26, 2001

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I see where Mr. Stephens is going to try and prove that he has no connection with the outfit. I therefore would like to bring to your attention just some of the (inside scoop) that will help you and your attorneys in this efforts to fight back.

In brief:

Fact [REDACTED] is a twice convicted paid mob street enforcer who served two terms in federal prison.

Fact - [REDACTED] ran his Rosemont licensed taxi cab (50) from the pay phone while in jail - even after his 2nd conviction.

Fact [REDACTED] is on the payroll of the village of Rosemont and remains to this day all the while working for the outfit in collecting juice on the street. **(even collecting a salary while in jail)**

Fact [REDACTED] attempted to kill a Vito Courier (now deceased) while in his office with a golf club. A report was made with the P.D. and covered up.

Fact [REDACTED] still to this day enjoys the recent law passed by the village board giving him complete control of the taxis on the street in town.

Fact - Rosemont Police dept was denied entry into the Illinois state police intelligence network (ILEN) because of the relationship of a twice convicted paid outfit guy on the village payroll. This is documented!

Fact - The Rosemont police dept of the 80's ran a gambling and hooker ring that was rooted in the Hyatt hotel which was watched over by ret.cook county sheriff's then major - [REDACTED]

Fact - This same hooker in charge came to the county sheriff's dept and approached them stating that [redacted] was operating this gambling/hooker scam in Rosemont with the chief's help [redacted]. She had his home number and showed them by calling him directly in front of the upper level rank.

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Fact - this same frank braun was in charge of the Rosemont homicide that involved the killing in town of [redacted] was set to testify against you know who - don Stephens in a Rosemont land deal. unsolved!!

Fact - don Stephens once had a very bad argument with [redacted] [redacted] the result was a small caliber round that was found lodged in his blue for bronco that am after. □

Fact - ret. [redacted] was the henchmen for D.E. - if he wanted to straight someone out he sent [redacted] How could a once fired [redacted] on booze and drugs - see VA medical file be brought back.

Fact - [redacted] was seen on many occasions at many of the Rosemont voter's league parties. He and [redacted] are v/good friends.

Good Luck
Your fighting the Rosemont Mafia now!!!!

P.S. [redacted] coverage of the tribune was great - with a little help!!!

Investigate the Village of River Grove !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You did a great job in Cicero and the Sun-times article of 7/30/2001

Mayor Tom Tarpey

- 1) meets weekly with [redacted] who lives at [redacted]
- 2) March 2001 - "FIXED" tickets for [redacted] (check the court record)
- 3) Operates under several names:
 - A) Citizens for [redacted]
 - B) Team Party
 - C) Mayors Night - \$50 about 1150 people = \$57,500.
- 4) "GHOST PAYROLL" in: 1) River Grove 2) Leyden Township 3) Rosemont
- 5) Fest - July 20-22, 2001 -- Where does ALL the money go?
He refuses to publish in paper. Refused on Freedom of Information request.

HIRING

"NO BLACKS NO MINORITIES"

New jobs "CREATED" and NOT advertised

- 1) [redacted] - dad also on dept
- 2) Leder - dad is supervisor
- 3) [redacted] - New job created. She is living with village controller.
- 4) [redacted] created new job and appointed himself and salary
- 5) [redacted] secretary - created new job. She is freind of Trustee
- 6) [redacted] - created new joab and appointed himself and salary
- 7) [redacted] /sister of [redacted] service to [redacted]
- 8) [redacted] - created new job: Girlfriend to mayor. "GHOSTPAYROLL in:
 - 1) River Grove, 2) Leyden Twp 3) Rosemont
- 9) [redacted] are BOTH appliated with Rosemont and [redacted] !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 10) [redacted] husband is supervisor
- 11) [redacted] new CSO job created just for him. related to ex-mayor,
- 11) Fire Chief - friend to police Chief and Supervisor of "Yards"
- 12) Summer Help - ALL are employee relatives
- 13) Many "GHOSTPAYROLLS" Check expenditures. Who are all these people?

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- 1) Mayor [redacted] Takes only cash for Tickerts, Licenses, Promotions
- 2) "VAL" - secretary of police dept. (get a parking ticket - then go into police dept to pay with Val. She "PREFERS" only cash and never gives a receipt for 1) tickets 2) tow release 3) copy of reports.

PROMOTIONS

- 1) [redacted] - "Dropped" \$20000 to Mayor [redacted] - Dad was ex-chief
- 2) [redacted] "Dropped" \$20000 to Mayor [redacted] dad was controller & friend to [redacted]
- 3) [redacted] "Dropped" \$20000 to Mayor [redacted] - dad is on Brd of Commission and had a copy of test BEFORE test date.

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rt. an to keep the money Boscarinos and Salam-rt of goes beyond," said the Rev. Tom d of the National Coali-ist Legalized Gambling. Boscarino and Joseph both refused to com- in the past they have de-inks to the mob.

the Boscarinos and the s, state casino regulators d out D&P Construction go, which hauled trash Rosemont casino site. owned by Josephine , a sister-in-law of reputed mob boss John "DiFronzo, state casino regulators said.

D&P has given no money to Ryan's campaign fund, but the company has donated to several other politicians, including \$1,875 to state Sen. James DeLeo (D-Chicago).

"What does that mean, 'mob associ-ated'? In the year 2001, is there really a mob in Chicago?" DeLeo

s some hearsay, what aming board said about eople? There's been to substantiate. They aid anything bad about any or this woman. I lk I should hold sins of 'against an individual." ne DiFronzo also owns ures Inc. Her two com-eve donated \$44,805 since arious officials, including o Stephens. The Rose- or says he has donated the \$8,000 he got from

a's known Josephine for years. She's a wonderful id state Rep. Angelo Saviano (R-Elmwood o has gotten \$8,750 from s companies.

casino regulators "are these people out like hn Dillinger. That's just case," Saviano said.

CASINO CASH

The Illinois Gaming Board rejected Emerald Casino's plans to open in Rosemont in part because of alleged mob ties to Nick Boscarino, John "No Nose" DiFronzo, and Vito Salamone, all of whom the board said are "members and associates of organized crime." Boscarino's wife and Salamone's brother are investors in the casino, while DiFronzo's sister-in-law owns a construction company that has worked on the project. Boscarino, DiFronzo's sister-in-law Josephine, and Salamone and his brother Joseph, or companies that any of them own, have made these campaign contributions since 1994.



Rosemont Mayor Donald E. Stephens



Gov. George Ryan



House Speaker Michael J. Madigan (D-Chicago)



State Rep. Angelo "Skip" Saviano (R-Elmwood Park)

Official	Boscarino	DiFronzo	Salamone
Rosemont Mayor Donald E. Stephens	\$31,500	\$13,000	
Gov. George Ryan	31,900		\$1,200
House Speaker Michael J. Madigan (D-Chicago)	19,500	200	
State Rep. Angelo "Skip" Saviano (R-Elmwood Park)		8,750	
State Rep. Ralph Capparelli (D-Chicago)	5,000		1,750
Illinois House Republican Campaign Committee	5,000	200	
Rosemont Voters League	2,700	2,450	
State Rep. Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago)	3,100		500
Peter Silvestri, a Cook County commissioner and Elmwood Park mayor		2,450	
Leyden Township Regular Republican Voters League		2,280	
Chicago Ald. William Banks (36th)		2,000	
State Sen. James DeLeo (D-Chicago)		1,875	
State Sen. Dan Cronin (R-Elmhurst)		1,850	
Melrose Park Mayor Ronald Serpico		1,650	
Cook County Commissioner Joseph Mario Moreno	1,500		
River Grove Mayor Thomas Tarpey		1,500	
36th Ward Democratic Organization		1,400	
Franklin Park Mayor Daniel Pritchett		1,100	
Al Salvi, former Republican candidate for secretary of state		1,000	
Statesman of the Year		1,000	
United Township Party of Proviso Township	1,000		
Melrose Victory/Vision parties		950	
Schiller Park Mayor Anna Montana		500	
United Party of Stone Park		450	
Friends of Proviso		200	

SOURCE: Illinois State Board of Elections and Sun-Times research

SUN-TIMES

The Rosemont casino has been on hold since January, when the gaming board rejected Emerald Casino's plan to move from East Dubuque to the northwest suburb. Besides the alleged mob links, casino regulators said they had been given false and misleading statements by Emerald officials.

Emerald is appealing that decision, but the company's top shareholders also are negotiating to sell their 52.7 percent stake to MGM Mirage Inc. of Las Vegas.

Stephens long has sought a casino for Rosemont, but he has been under fire from the crime commission. The mayor has pointed out that D&P was only paid \$13,000 to haul some waste from the casino site, where construction stopped last year. And he pointed out that D&P has done work for the City of Chicago.

D&P also works for the Village of Franklin Park. The village president, Daniel Pritchett, has collected \$1,100 from the two companies owned by DiFronzo.

"They've been dealing with the village for 25 years, and they continue to do business with the village," Pritchett said.

Pritchett is among officials from the west and northwest suburbs and nearby Chicago neighborhoods who have received campaign donations from DiFronzo, Boscarino and the Salamones. Money also has been donated to some of the state's biggest power-brokers, Madigan and the House Republican campaign fund controlled by House Minority Leader Lee Daniels (R-Elmhurst).

"If someone believes a legislator like Mike Madigan can be bought for an amount that doesn't even equal one-tenth of 1 percent of funds raised, then they are terribly naive," Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said.

Madigan has gotten \$19,500 from Boscarino and \$200 from D&P.

"If these people were truly guilty of crimes and offenses, the full force of the law would come into play," Brown said.

"If the gaming board has information about crimes that still fall within the statute of limitations, then they should turn that over to the appropriate federal prosecutor."

Under state law, the casino regulators can deny a license to anyone they believe "would discredit or tend to discredit the Illinois gaming industry." The casino regulators do not have to prove the people are guilty of any crime.

"Whatever their past is, it's the past. If they want to donate to myself and the Northwest Side mayors, we're confident they're a reputable company.

"The Italian Mafia is gone," Saviano said. "I don't see it happening around here."

Josephine DiFronzo could not be reached for comment.

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An examination was conducted of a Civil Condemnation Suit filed by the Village of Rosemont against property owners in Rosemont, Illinois. This record was located on the 8th Floor of the DALEY CENTER, Chicago, Illinois.

Case 98L50746 involving Plaintiff Village of Rosemont vs. LaSALLE NATIONAL BANK (LSB) as trustee under Trust #50699, WALTER NORRIS CORPORATION (WNC), SCADRON ENTERPRISES (SE), doing business as (dba) Scadron Outdoor Advertising, was examined. This complaint was filed on September 3, 1998 by the Village of Rosemont attempting to condemn the property located 5530 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois 600018. This property was described as Lot 16, 17, 18 and 19 in REP Subdivision, the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 12, east of the Third Principle Meridian in Cook County.

The Village of Rosemont was attempting to acquire fee simple interest for municipal purposes for the Fifth Amended River Road Redevelopment Plan and Project. The individual companies served were SE, dba Scadron Outdoor Advertising, located 1015 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60622. Also served was WNC at 5530 Milton Parkway, Rosemont, Illinois. Also joined as defendants as owners of Trust #50699 were PODLSKY & ASSOCIATES and REP ASSOCIATES, who were represented by Attorney [redacted] of JENNER & BLOCK. An agreed order of judgement was entered on approximately June 23, 1999 in which the Plaintiff, Village of Rosemont, agreed to pay to defendants, PODLSKY & ASSOCIATES and REP ASSOCIATES, \$1,650,000 as compensation for the transfer of the property to the Village of Rosemont.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/12/2001

To: [redacted]

Attn: Act.SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

From:

IS-1

Contact: IRS [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 281A-CG-110121 (Pending)-57

Title: [redacted]

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Synopsis: Individuals and businesses involved in illegal activities in the construction industry, who have ties to John and [redacted] were identified.

Reference: 281A-CG-110121 Serial 18

Details: Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) [redacted] did research and analysis on individuals and businesses that were thought to be involved in corruption on the Millennium Park Project in Chicago. The type of corruption involved disposal of materials with inflated weight charges on truck loads of construction material by D&P Construction and JKS Ventures. This practice was a part of operations of both D&P and JKS. These companies are owned by the [redacted]

Research included ACS searches, querying NCIC, [redacted] searches, and information obtained from Choicepoint (a public source database).

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Analysis provided background data through inserts and reports that were forwarded to SA [redacted] on the following individuals and businesses:

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Orient Express Service Company

Rosewood Restaurant & Banquets Ltd.

Lead covered 1/7/02 [signature]

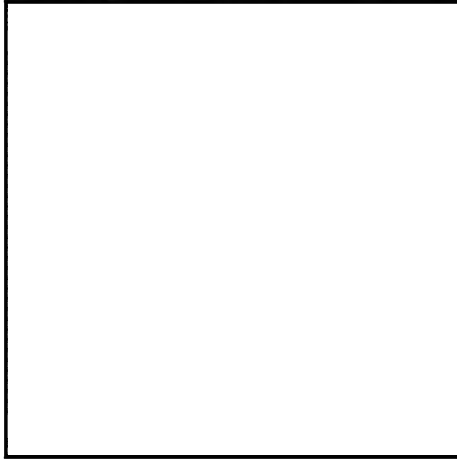
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Walsh Construction Company

Heneghan Wrecking Company



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In addition, newspaper articles and photos were clipped and forwarded to the file when pertinent to the investigation.

Chicago considers this lead covered.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/15/2002

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Attn: IMA [REDACTED]

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From: Chicago

Squad OC-2

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: RIVERINO
OC/DI - CHICAGO LCN FAMILY

Synopsis: Close case

Details: It is requested the above captioned case be closed administratively. Case was initially opened pursuant to source information which stated Chicago LCN figures were meeting with Mayor STEVENS of Rosemont and members of his family. The purpose of these meetings was to agree on how to distribute building contracts and arrange LCN approved vendors to service the proposed casino to be built in Rosemont, Illinois. This source information was perpetually untimely and not verified. Since opening no substantive information has been developed.

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LEAD(s):

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It is requested the above captioned case be closed
administratively.

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